

The Arts Barn

The Arts Barn in the Kentlands neighborhood of Gaithersburg is a unique facility which offers something for the entire family. This elegant cultural arts center combines both visual and performing arts.

The Arts Barn was originally built in 1900 and was used as a stable for the Tschiffely Family's horses. Recently renovated, it now stands as a facility which includes two artists-in-residence studios, a studio classroom, an art gallery, and a museum shop on the first floor. The former barn loft has been transformed into a 99-seat theater for the performing arts.

Hours of Operation

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday

Closed

In addition, the facility is open to ticketed and invited patrons throughout the week for performances and special events.



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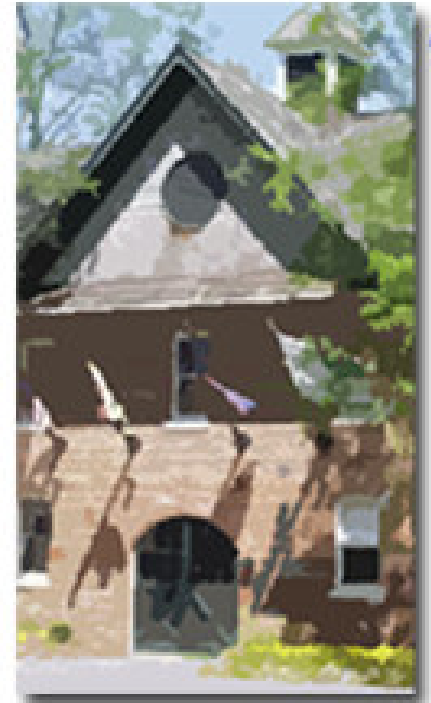
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Call for Resident Studio Artists

The **Arts Barn** would like to hear from local artists, craftsmen and artisans – groups or individuals – who might be interested in participating in the **Arts Barn's Resident Artists Program**.

Resident artists are selected by a jury panel to rent studio space in this cultural arts facility. Participants in the **Resident Artists Program** serve as the “faculty” of the **Arts Barn's** educational programs, and are required to commit to a moderate amount of community outreach activities (e.g. teaching, conducting workshops, lecturing). These outreach activities, for which the artist may be compensated, are specified by separate contract and tailored to the artist's individual discipline.

The **Arts Barn** has two studios for lease ranging in size from 330 to 480 square feet. Located on the perimeter of the building, the spaces will enjoy the natural light and round the clock access. All studios have a small sink and cabinet area and adequate lighting, in addition to existing windows. Artists must provide any other equipment and furniture they may require, subject to lease parameters, as well as appropriate storage for any flammable materials. Because of the intimate nature of the facility, certain media or scale of activity may not be appropriate to the space.

Annual rental fees are **\$8** per square foot for **City of Gaithersburg residents** to **\$9** per square foot for **non-residents** with prorated payments due monthly. Artists are encouraged to consider joint application for spaces to help defray expenses and to meet the center's minimum hours of operation for studios (**40 hours per month**). Leases are for a one year term. Renewals of leases will be subject to the jurying process and considered on a case by case basis.

Drop-In Studio

An additional studio in the Arts Barn is used for classes, visiting artists, and drop-in studio sessions. We invite you to work on your projects with us in a fun and casual environment and/or submit a proposal to teach a class or workshop. Please call 301-258-6394 for more information. *OPEN STUDIO FEE: \$2/hour (A model or instructional fee may be charged if applicable.)*



ARTS BARN Resident Studio Artist Application

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Email _____

Website _____ Cell Phone _____

Media _____

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- FEE:** A \$25.00 registration fee must **accompany** the application. (Check made payable to the City of Gaithersburg)
- ESSAY:** The Arts Barn expects regular outreach programming by its resident artists. Therefore, candidates must submit a short (200 words maximum) essay describing proposed community outreach efforts and use of space along with the application.
- EXAMPLES:** 10 slides of the artist's work must be submitted for jurying. (Finalists will be asked to present actual artworks for jurying at a later date.)
- GROUPS:** In the case of a group's leasing a single studio, each individual artist in the group must submit a separate application, fee and examples as described above, and will be subject to the jurying process. In some cases it may be appropriate for the group to collaborate on a single essay (of no more than 400 words) if the group feels that the artists' work is of a similar character. Otherwise, each artist in the group must submit an essay.

Mail completed application, fee, slides and essay by June 1, 2006 to:

Arts Barn Studio Program
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The judges will determine acceptability of the studio applicants based primarily on the quality of the artwork submitted. Community arts experience, extent and creativity of intended outreach activities and an enthusiasm for the **Arts Barn**, as evidenced by the essay, will also be factors in the jury process, and consideration will be given to representing a variety of media at the **Arts Barn**. Acceptance as a resident artist is contingent upon the artist's commitment to abide by the terms of the lease agreement.

**For more information contact Denise Kayser, Cultural Arts Director, 301-258-6394
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